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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--This patent application claims a benefit of priority from Korean Patent Application No. 1999-0007707 filed March 9, 1999 through PCT Application Serial No. PCT/KR00/00177, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A vital matter prepared by the process comprising the steps: 1) preparing a composition containing kaoline (white soil) 30.0-40.0 wt%, potassium sulfate 15.0-20.0 wt%, sodium sulfate 13.0-17.0 wt%, feldspar 12.0-16.0 wt%, talc 12.0-16.0 % and ferric oxide 0.5-1.5 wt%; 2) mixing the above-xientioned composition using a compressed molding method; and 3) heating the mixed composition at 1000-1300°C.

